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Title: METHOD FOR ACHIEVING LOW DEFECT DENSITY AlGaN SINGLE CRYSTAL BOULES

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action of December 5, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 5-7, with the following:

-- The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/900,833, filed July 6, 2001, for "Method for Fabricating Bulk GaN Single Crystals" and as such claims benefit of the earlier filing date.--

REMARKS

After entry of this amendment, claims 1-28 will be pending. Claims 2-9, 20-21 and 26-27 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3-5, 10, 13, 17, 21, 23, 25-26 and 29 of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/901,926. Claim 28 is allowed and claims 10-19 and 22-26 stand rejected as